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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5684-N-03]

Notice of Proposed Information; Collection for Public Comment;

Recordkeeping for HUD's Continuum of Care Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Date: [Insert date that is 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register.]

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4160, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone (202) 402-3400, (this is not a toll-free number) or email Ms. Pollard at Colette_Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of proposed forms, or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Marie Oliva, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1590 (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Recordkeeping for HUD's Continuum of Care Program

Description of the need for the information proposed: This submission is to request a new OMB number for the information collection for the recordkeeping requirements that Continuum of Care program recipients will be expected to implement and retain. On May 20, 2009, the President signed into law "An Act to Prevent Mortgage Foreclosures and Enhance Mortgage Credit Availability," which became Public Law 111-22; Division B

of this law is the HEARTH Act. As amended by the HEARTH Act, Subpart C of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act establishes the Continuum of Care Program. The Continuum of Care Program is formed from the consolidation and amendment of three separate homeless assistance programs (The Supportive Housing Program, the Shelter Plus Care Program, and the Moderate Rehabilitation/Single Room Occupancy Program) into one single grant program. The three programs that had been carried out under title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.). The HEARTH Act was designed to improve administrative efficiency and enhance response coordination and effectiveness in addressing the needs of homeless persons through the Continuum of Care Program. The purpose of the program is to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Publication of the interim rule for the Continuum of Care Program on July 31, 2012, found at 24 CFR 578, continues HUD's implementation of the HEARTH Act. This rule establishes the regulatory framework for the Continuum of Care Program and the Continuum of Care planning process, including requirements applicable to the establishment of a Continuum of Care. A Continuum of Care is designed to address the

critical problem of homelessness through a coordinated community-based process of identifying needs and building a system of housing and services to address those needs.

The statutory provisions and implementing interim regulations govern the Continuum of Care Program recordkeeping requirements for recipient and subrecipients and the standard operating procedures for ensuring that Continuum of Care Program funds are used in accordance with the program requirements. To see the regulations for the new CoC program and applicable supplementary documents, visit HUD's Homeless Resource Exchange at <https://www.onecpd.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/>

Agency Form Numbers: None.

Members of the affected public: Continuum of Care program recipients and subrecipients

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

The CoC record keeping requirements include 45 distinct activities. Each activity requires a different number of respondents ranging from 10 to 350,000. Each activity also has a unique frequency of response, ranging from once to 200 times annually, and a unique associated number of hours of response, ranging from 15 minutes to 180 hours.

The total number of hours needed for all reporting is 1,921,711 hours.

Status of proposed information collection: New Request.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

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for Special Needs

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